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1. AMBASSADOR TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING ON ANOTHER TOPIC WITH GIRM FOREIGNLXINISTRY DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SIDI HAIBA AND DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SIDI 'ALI AUGUST 3 TO UNDERSCORE AGAIN US CONVICTION THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST ACT NOW TO CONCLUDE GENERAL LOS TREATY BEFORE END OF 1976 OR LOSE OPPORTUNITY FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER GENERATION. HE RECALLED HE HAD DISCUSSED STATUS OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND DESCRIBED OUTSTANDING UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS TO FOREIGN MINISTER JUST BESLRE ADJOURNMENT OF SPRING SESSION (REF B). HE NOTED THAT HE HAD URGED MINISTER TO INSURE DESPATCH OF GIRMNVOWITICAL LEVEIREPRESENTATIVE TO FALL (AND HOPEFULLY FINAL) SESSION, STRESSING THAT CABINET-LEVEL REP WAS ESSENTIAL TO ACHIEVE-
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MENT OF POLITICAL COMPROMISES REQUIRED FOR CONCLUSION OF

GENERAL TREATY AND NOTING THESE COMPROMISES LIE BEYOND COMPETENCE AND AUTHORITY OF MARINE EXPERTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS. AMBASSADOR QUICKLY REVIEWED PREVIOUS ARGUMENTATION, AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REF A, UNDERSCORING PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO NAME SECRETARY AS CHIEF USDEL.

2. IN RESPONSE, SIDI HAIBA DECLARED GIRM IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN LOS, AND STATED THAT DESIGNATION OF FIRM UN PERMREP AL-HASUN EU DELCHIEF ISHHPURE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE GOVERNMENT PLACES ON LOS NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT GIRM HAD JUST REJECTED AND SENT OFF TWO ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO STRENGTHEN DELEGATION BY INSURING CONTINUITY AND BY ADDING LEGAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL.

3. EMBOFF MADE PARALLEL APPROACH AUGUST 2 TO ZEINI OULD MOULAYE AL HASSAN, NEW LEGAL MEMBER OF MAURITANIAN LOS DEL (REF C), AND ON AUGUST 3 AT FOREIGN MINISTRY WORKING LEVEL.

4. WITH EXCEPTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER FISHERIES WHO SPENT SOME TWO WEEKS IN NEW YORK AT SPRING LOS SESSION, PREVIOUS DIRECTOR FISHERIES WHO IS NOW HARDPRESSED EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO MINSTATE FOR NATIONAL ECONOMY, AND PREVIOUS MFA LOS ACTION OFFICER WHO IS NOW ASSIGNED TO GIRM MOSCOW EMBASSY, ALL RPT ALL GIRM OFFICIALS WITH ANY DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF LOS AND OF ISSUES INVOLVED ARE IN OR ON ROUTE TO NEW YORK. WITH TOTALITY OF GIRM LOS EXPERTISE ASSEMBLED IN MAURITANIAN LOS DEL, ALL USG EFFORTS TO PERSUADE GIRM TO OUR POINT OF VIEW ON ANY ASPECT OF LOS OR OF CONFERENCE SHOULD BE FOCUSED IN NEW YORK. BEST WE WILL BE ABLE HENCEFORTH TO MANAGE IN NOUAKCHOTT IS POLITE, BUT UNCOMPREHENDING, HEARING.

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